SERVICE BOARD STARTS INQUIR

Every Electric Company in the City to Go Under the Probe.

MR. MALTBIE IN CHARGE.

Edison Concern Consents to Give "Breakdown" Service to Private Plants.

day passed a resolution providing for a comprehensive investigation of the electric lighting and power companies operating within the jurisdiction of the

Commissioner Maltbie was designated to conduct the investigation, which may be of far-reaching consequences. It was under the provisions of just such a SHARKEY CLUB'S FIGHT ON resolution that the investigation of the Interborough-Metropolitan and B. R. T. systems has been conducted.

A communication was received from the New York Edison Company, announcing that it had voluntarily decided to make a schedule ofcharges for breakdown" or emergency service.

Concession by Company, The company has heretofore refused to give this "breakdown" service, and complaint of oppression against In-

that has caused much complaint. A spector Walsh, of the Police Depart-"breakdown" service is required by pri- ment, which grew out of a raid on the that has caused much complaint. A

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Power of the Commission.

other provisions of the act expressly authorize it."

INSPECTOR WALSH FAILS.

Charge of Oppression Dismissed by

Court on Motion of Assistant

District-Attorney.

GETS OUT OF JAIL WITH WOMAN IN RED

Compannies to Be Probed.

These are companies named in the resolution providing for the inquiry: New York Edison Company, Brush Electric Illuminating Company, Fleisohauer Electric Light and Power Company, United Electric Light and Power Company, West Side Electric Company, Longace Electric Light and Power Company, Edison Electric Illuminating Company, Kings County Electric Light and Power Company, Amsterdam Light, Heat and Power Company, Flatbush Gas Company, Westchester Lighting Company, Bronx Gas and Electric Company, New York and Queens Electric Light and Power Company, Queens Borough Gas and Electric Company, Richmond Light and Rodroad Company, Consolidated Telegraph and Electrical Subway Company and the Empire City Subway Company and the Empire City Subway Company, Limited.

Power of the Commission. Allan H. Pirie, Accused by Wife, Has Order of Arrest Against Him Vacated.

MINEOLA, L. I., Jan. 18.-Allan Hawkins Pirie, son of a millionaire dry goods merchant of Chicago, who was Lawyer Abel E. Blackmar in trans-mitting the form of the resolution to the Commission advised as follows:

are omitted are pertinent only to the question of fixing the proper price an inquiry into them cannot be made on the motion of the Commission unless

the furisdiction of the Naw York courts before she could bring an action for a separation.

Mrs. Pirle alleges that her husband deserted her on April 18, 1907, at their home in Evanston, Ill. They have one child, Hazeldene, four years af oge.

Mrs. Pirle claimed that her husband receives a salary of \$450 a month from his father and that he receives money from the same source that enables him to maintain an automobile, keep horses and belong to several fashionable clubs. and belong to several fashionable clubs. She charged that she had been subjected to cruel and inhuman treatment. which made it unsafe for her to live Assistant District-Attorney Smyth appeared in the Court of Special Sessians dited several instances when, she allor-day and moved the dismissal of a by her husband.

SMALL BOY KIDNAPPED

stances.

The company points out that while it voluntarily makes this concession now to consumers under these circumstances it maintains still that it is proper for the company to charge more than just for the actual amount of current furnished because it is really a charge for insurance. It holds that it is proper for it to make a charge for the maintenance of its own plant, ready on the instant to give service to private plants which break down.

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Letter Writer in Amsterdam Advises Harrison Police to Hold Witness.

Interest in the Lamp Black pont Christmas murder mystery was re arrested on Dec. 20 last on the com-plaint of his wife, Hazel B, Pirie, and a letter from William T., Brown, who had since been in the county jail Amsterdam, N. Y., advising that Fred

Lawyer Abel E. Blackmar in transmitting the form of the resolution to the Commission advised as follows:

"You will notice that the resolution does not involve an inquiry into the organization and capitalization of the companies or into the cost of the manufacture and distribution of electricity. The reason why I have omitted these subjects of inquiry is that I have serious doubts as to whether the law justifies an inquiry into these subjects upon an investigation made on the motion of the Commission.

"The Commission has no power under the act. I believe, to make an order fixing the maximum price of electricity after a hearing made upon its own motion, but can proceed only upon a complaint filed as provided in Section II. As these elements of inquiry which are omitted are pertinent only to the appearance of the maximum and the interval of the serious depression of the could bring an action for a separation.

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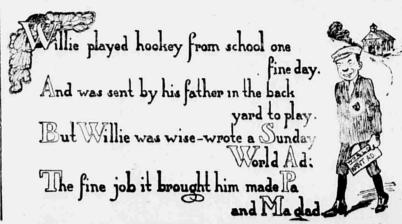
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